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## News Release

### **Detroit VA Healthcare System Focuses Attention on 10-Year Anniversary of My HealtheVet**

*Keeping America's Promise: Online Access to Support Veterans Health*

**(Detroit)** In recognition of the 10th anniversary of its award-winning Personal Health Record, **My HealtheVet** ([www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is urging all Veterans, service members and employees to join the millions already accessing VA health care information and services online.

VA is mobilizing its people and organizations nationwide to mark this milestone by spreading the word about the benefits of My HealtheVet Personal Health Record features such as VA Prescription Refill, VA Notes, VA Blue Button and Secure Messaging with VA health care providers.

Throughout the month of November, Detroit and its VA My HealtheVet Coordinator will join all 151 VA medical centers to showcase how My HealtheVet contributes to more informed and more engaged Veteran patients. VA continues to build its My HealtheVet online PHR, adding new online tools and features, and My HealtheVet Coordinators are geared up to accept new My HealtheVet enrollees throughout November.

"The Detroit VA Healthcare System staff invites all Veterans and service members to get online to become active partners in their health care. We know that online access with My HealtheVet and its features works to improve health outcomes," said Dr. Pamela Reeves, Detroit VA Healthcare System Director.

"We are encouraging Veterans, service members, and their loved ones—and everyone—to get online at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov) during November and throughout the year," she added. "My HealtheVet offers a flexible and convenient way for them to become active partners in their health care and well-being."

My HealtheVet ([www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)) is VA's award-winning website that offers Veterans secure access to portions of information in their VA health care records anywhere and anytime. Its web-based tools

give users greater control over their care and wellness, helping them become active partners in their health care.

In addition to allowing Veterans access to their records, My HealtheVet lets them save, print and share their health information using the **VA Blue Button**, refill VA prescription(s) online and track their health activities, among other functions. Veterans who upgrade their accounts, free of charge, can opt in to Secure Messaging to communicate electronically with their VA health care teams between visits, and can also view VA appointments, get VA Wellness Reminders, access VA lab results and more.

“VA is dedicated to providing Veterans with the best experience possible, both at VA facilities and online,” said Theresa Hancock, Director, My HealtheVet National Program. “We are proud to celebrate a decade of online access to Veterans and look forward to a future of even more access to meet the evolving needs of our Veterans.”

All Veterans, service members and employees are encouraged to enroll or upgrade today at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). For more information, contact the Detroit VA Healthcare System at 313-576-1000.



*Since 1939, the Detroit VA Medical Center has been improving the health of the men and women who have so proudly served our nation. In 1996, the medical center moved from Allen Park, Michigan to the current location in Detroit. The John D. Dingell VAMC located in Detroit, Michigan is one of the newest VA facilities in the country. We consider it our privilege to serve the health care needs of our Veterans. Services are available to more than 330,000 Veterans living in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and St. Clair counties. This population represents approximately forty-four percent of the Veteran population in the lower peninsula of Michigan. For more information, visit <http://www.detroit.va.gov>.*